

JEROME CALLS FOR LEADERS.

ASKS TAMMANY MEN TO DECLARE THEMSELVES ON HEARST

And Picks Sheriff Hayes as an Example—Whacks Murphy and Says It's Not the Editor Candidate, but the Men Around Him Who Are Really to Be Feared.

District Attorney Jerome called on the Tammany district leaders yesterday to come out into the open and put themselves on record as to whether the things they said about William R. Hearst last year were true or false.

Then, taking a whack at Charles F. Murphy, Mr. Jerome pictured him as an example of the man "turning the other cheek," who had been swatted twice and wanted to be swatted again. Hearst is the Murphy, Mr. Jerome said, "a man of no ideas and importance," but the men to be considered were the group around him whose ideas armed an anarchist, Czolgosz, and sent him on his way to strike down a President.

As for Hearst, he couldn't profess to be the original prophet who brought the Ten Commandments from the mountains; he was more like the Moses who, once irritated, broke them all at once.

Mr. Jerome said he wanted to see a Democratic State convention where the voice of the voters was expressed and not the wishes of a "few little ducks."

At his home in Rutgers street last night Mr. Jerome asked some pertinent questions about the Independence League. Was it a group of Hearst nominees to boom Hearst, was it a new party or was it a dissatisfied faction of the Democratic party? If it was a new party, Mr. Jerome wanted to know if the delegates of the Democratic State convention could pledge themselves to support its candidates.

Mr. Jerome was stirred to make these remarks yesterday when some one suggested that his candidacy was not getting the support that it got last year. On the contrary, Mr. Jerome said he had received assurances of support in his personal mail as great as he had received in the same time a year ago. Some one mentioned the attitude of the politicians and Mr. Jerome said:

"There are thirty-five district leaders in Tammany Hall, less all of them. Why don't they lead? They led last year. Where do they stand this year? Just as an example take Sheriff Hayes. He may be like the Sheriff of Nottingham who never made a mistake, but he ought to take a chance. Last year he was at the head of cohorts—his leader. What is the matter with him this year? Is he leading them now? He has a safe job with the salary guaranteed."

"Was he urging his followers to vote for Hearst last year? Yes, he is a good fellow, I've met him several times, but why doesn't he show some sense. Was he telling his spinners to stand with his followers to vote for Hearst? If my memory is right they said some unpleasant things about Hearst. Now will he get up and tell the people that what he said against Hearst was false? And if the reasons he advanced against Hearst last year were false, why were they false? Give us a showdown. Let's see where he stands. Let's see where they all stand. Let's hear from the leaders—thirty-five of them—let them lead."

Some one inquired why Mr. Jerome selected Sheriff Hayes. He said he was the first leader that came into his mind.

"Did you know that he is a close friend of Fire Commissioner O'Brien?" Mr. Jerome was asked.

"I know nothing about it," he said positively. "That's not the question. The way to settle a fight is to fight it out right to the finish. Murphy has come out, hasn't he? There are thirty-five of them. Why don't they come out? Now is the time. Let them show that they are real leaders."

"If Hearst was nominated by the Democratic State convention what would you do?" some one asked.

"Oh, let us discuss something practical," said Mr. Jerome wearily. "You can't have to face that kind of question. The Democratic party has to drink some bitter draught, but it won't have to take that medicine. There is no question about Hearst here. By that I mean the individual. It's the group of men around him. Hearst, himself, of course, is just like Murphy, a man of no ideas or importance. You can't expect anything from Murphy now. His brains are far off in Europe. He's got to wait until Cram—J. Sergeant Cram—comes back."

"Now about that Hearst-Murphy deal? The whole thing is an epic, and good epic poetry is dying out. C. Francis is beautiful singing, 'Whose Darling Am I.' Maybe Cram will tell him when he gets back. Poor Murphy, and his brains no far away."

"Some two thousand years ago the doctrine was enunciated that when you had been smitten on one cheek you should turn the other. Murphy is the first man I've seen who follows that doctrine. He not only lives up to it, but he practices it. He has been swatted on both cheeks. He not only goes the limit, but he is hunting for more."

"It isn't so long ago that I saw Murphy pictured in stripes with mural decorations consisting of Arthur Brisbane's choicest billingsgate. I tell you, Murphy isn't appreciated. The press has done him an injustice. Instead of criticism for the beautiful Christian example he sets he should be praised."

"As I said before, it is not the question of Hearst the individual. It is in the group of men around him, whose ideas, working upon the apple brain of a Czolgosz, armed his hand to strike down a President. Follow out the same lines, the same ideas. They appear in the conduct of that great Borough President of Brooklyn, that leader of the Independence League, who went along the line in Brooklyn last week inciting riot. Look at Sheriff Flaherty, who obeyed his oath of office to the letter by setting himself instead of leaving to the Court what rightfully belonged to the Court to settle."

"This is a campaign of the Ten Commandments. So is Hearst. Higgins will be. Odell? He's the greatest exponent of the Ten Commandments of us all. Every politician believes in the Ten Commandments, in the platform and on the platform. True, they may be a little shy about them when the campaign is over."

"As we are all for them, Hearst can't claim that he is the original prophet who

COL. JOHN N. PARTRIDGE TO WED.

His Engagement to a Connecticut Girl of Twenty-two Is Announced.

NORWALK, Conn., Aug. 23.—Announcement was made to-day of the engagement of Col. John N. Partridge of Brooklyn and Miss Charlotte Field, formerly of Brooklyn.

Miss Field lives at Westport with her uncle, Capt. William P. Penney, secretary and manager of the Postal Typewriter Company of Norwalk.

Last summer Col. Partridge purchased a mansion in Westport, near the home of the Pennys. From the first it was noted that Col. Partridge took deep interest in Miss Field, who is 22 years old. Col. Partridge is 45.

Miss Field has been employed as stenographer in her uncle's office. She has a charming personality and has had many admirers ever since coming to this city.

Col. Partridge is one of the best known public men in New York. Under Mayor Low he was Police Commissioner of Greater New York, and before the consolidation was Commissioner of Police of Brooklyn for two terms. He has also served as Commissioner of Public Works of New York State. Col. Partridge's military career began with gallant service in the civil war. He is a well known figure in the New York National Guard, having been Colonel of the Twenty-third Regiment of Brooklyn.

The marriage will take place about the middle of September at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Penney.

HELLO GIRLS WIN STRIKE.

Quit Work Because Manager Sent Them to Work Through Bum Infested Alley.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—Three hundred and fifty girls employed in the new central exchange of the Chicago Telephone Company went on strike to-day.

Their walkout put 15,000 telephones in the heart of the city out of business.

Recently the Chicago Telephone Company officials refused to permit the operators to enter the operating room from the street entrance. For three days the girls have been forced to walk through the alley between Madison and Washington streets and from Clark and Dearborn to enter the exchange. The saloons face the alley at the Clark street entrance and one saloon is passed entering by the Dearborn street alley. The alley is dirty and foul smelling and is frequented by loafers from the saloons, and the girls say they have been subjected to insults.

Three operators resigned yesterday morning because they were not allowed to go through the Title and Trust building, the route used before the completion of the new quarters. Many of the girls reported to Manager Holden last night that they would quit work immediately if the order was not changed. This morning the company refused to rescind the order; the operators refused to go to work.

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon a committee of strikers after a long conference with President Wheeler of the telephone company decided to call the strike off. The terms of agreement are these:

"Girls to be allowed to use Title and Trust Company entrance until alley is paved with asphalt and signs posted showing that the young women are going to work and not into saloons."

NO MORE POSTAL FINES.

Post Office Department to Install a System of Efficiency Records Instead.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Announcement was made to-day by Acting Postmaster-General Hitchcock that the old system of fining as a means of enforcing discipline in the postal service is about to be abolished. The Acting Postmaster-General has decided that fining is detrimental rather than helpful to the service. He intends to establish in its place a uniform system of efficiency records which will be put into operation as soon as perfected.

To that end Mr. Hitchcock has started Special Agent John A. Holmes of the salary and allowance division on a tour of inspection of the largest post offices of the United States. Mr. Holmes will confer with the postmasters and their assistants regarding the introduction of the proposed change.

The existing practice of subjecting 250,000 or more employees to the liability of being fined for misconduct or for making errors in handling mail is believed by Mr. Hitchcock to be a type of punishment rightly termed humiliating and which should not be imposed on men and women. As there is no definite standard of fines applicable to specific cases of delinquency, the imposition is solely a matter of discretion on the part of the administrative officers.

A wide variation inevitably occurred in the relative amounts of fines imposed by different officers. The system frequently led to resentment on the part of those employees receiving the heavier fines.

WHAT TO DO WITH NEGRO TROOPS

Nobody Seem to Want Them—Four Colored Regiments Must Be Enlisted.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The War Department is troubled to know what to do with the four regiments of negro infantry in the service. There is not a post in the country which welcomes them, and their assignment to any station is generally followed by a protest from the nearest city or town. The shooting affair at Brownsville, Tex., declared to be simply an aggravated case of the trouble which often results between the negro troops and white citizens living near a post.

Brig.-Gen. J. Franklin Bell is now at Oyster Bay, having been called there to discuss the situation with the President. The law requires the enlistment of four colored regiments of infantry and they must be stationed somewhere. The problem which confronts the War Department is not solved by sending the negroes to the Philippines, for as a rule they have proved objectionable to the Filipinos. They have rendered the most effective service in the island of Mindanao, but it is impossible for the Department to keep four regiments of them there all the time. The suggestion that Fort Brown, Tex., be abandoned has met with a strong protest from Senator Culberson and other members of the Texas Congress delegation.

Mining Engineer's Fatal Fall.

DENVER, Aug. 23.—Robert M. Fisher, a young mining engineer, fell to his death in Benton Mine at Silver Plume last night. He was examining the mine for a prospective Eastern buyer and fell down the shaft.

Fisher was a graduate of the College of the City of New York and of the mining school at Columbia University.

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WORKING TO BEAT MURPHY.

ANTI-HEARST LEADERS HOPE TO CONTROL THE ORGANIZATION.

Efforts of the Boss to Keep the Party Machinery in His Power Met by Open Rebellion—He Has Threatened to Unseat Anti-Murphy Men After Primary Day.

A month before Attorney-General Julius M. Mayer decided that according to the law and the evidence submitted by Mr. Hearst and his counsel, Clarence J. Shearn, Mr. Hearst was not entitled to bring quo warranto proceedings to test the validity of Mayor McClellan's right to be the Chief Executive of the city, Mr. Hearst in his newspapers bitterly attacked the Attorney-General of the State. Mr. Hearst, it was said yesterday, in thus attacking the Attorney-General of the State a month before the decision was handed down acknowledged the unrighteousness of his cause and admitted defeat.

Yesterday Mr. Hearst in his newspapers, a month before primary day, came out with bitter attacks on the Sullivan, recognized chieftains of the official Democratic organization of New York county—Big Tim and Little Tim, as they are familiarly known. The coincidence between Mr. Hearst's attack on Mr. Mayer and Mr. Hearst's attack on the Sullivan was remarked by Democratic politicians when they said last evening that Charles F. Murphy would lose in the contest on primary day, and that as a result of the primaries twenty-two leaders of the thirty-five would be anti-Murphy, and consequently anti-Hearst.

The anti-Murphy and anti-Hearst leaders of the Democratic organization of the county, it was learned, are working day and night to capture their districts in order to wipe out any understanding that may have taken place between Mr. Murphy and some of Mr. Hearst's lieutenants, and also to dethrone Mr. Murphy as leader of the organization. The anti-Murphy and the anti-Hearst leaders of the organization, it was ascertained, have redoubled their efforts since Mr. Murphy came out flatfooted for Mr. Hearst and since it became known, according to the authoritative announcement last night, that Mr. Murphy had visited some of the anti-Murphy and anti-Hearst leaders and told them flatly that even if they were elected in their district on primary day Mr. Murphy would see to it that the present organization of Tammany, controlled by Mr. Murphy, would adopt a resolution unseating in the executive committee of the organization the successful anti-Murphy and anti-Hearst district leaders. Mr. Murphy, it was said last night, was openly defied when he made these threats, and was candidly told that if he sought by such methods to perpetuate himself in his place as Tammany leader he would be defeated and humiliated beyond all expression.

This story of Mr. Murphy's threats to the anti-Murphy and anti-Hearst leaders was recalled last night for the purpose of emphasizing Mr. Murphy's attitude since he became the recognized leader of Tammany Hall—that he looked upon the organization as his own personal prerogative, his own private property, his own organization and asset to do with as he pleased and without the slightest regard to the wishes of the thirty-five district leaders of the organization.

Furthermore, it was learned that certain anti-Murphy and anti-Hearst leaders who do not believe that Tammany Hall should be further disgraced by the supremacy of a leader who has endeavored to humiliate and betray a Democratic city organization are not at all desirous of courage or lacking in political tact. They understand, it was pointed out, that according to the primary law, Mr. Murphy at any time up to September 1, controlling as he does the executive machinery of Tammany, can deprive them of the primary election inspectors. After September 1 Mr. Murphy and his executive machinery as at present constituted will have no power in this matter, according to the primary law, and then the anti-Murphy and anti-Hearst leaders will assert themselves and make the majority in the next executive committee twenty-two to thirteen against Mr. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy, in threatening anti-Murphy and anti-Hearst leaders with a resolution to unseat them and in cracking the whip over certain leaders as to the primary inspectors, had attempted to essay the dominant spirit of John Kelly and Richard Croker.

It was recalled that neither Mr. Kelly nor Mr. Croker during their reign attempted to betray and humiliate a Democratic city organization as Mr. Murphy has attempted to betray and humiliate the McClellan administration. No matter, it was said, if Mayor McClellan has not been able to recognize one of the demands for patronage made upon him, he is a Democrat, has always been a Democrat, and Mr. Murphy is the reputed leader of the greatest Democratic organization in the country, and yet Mr. Murphy, it was pointed out, has coddled in with Mr. Hearst, the guerrilla candidate for Mayor against Mr. McClellan last fall, and has in every way, personally and through his friends in Tammany Hall, attempted to injure the Democratic city administration. His threats, made only within the last three days, according to the best evidence, that he will unseat anti-Murphy and anti-Hearst district leaders who may be elected at the primary on September 13, was the last bit of political stupidity, it was asserted, to which Mr. Murphy has resorted.

The anti-Murphy and the anti-Hearst leaders in the organization, it was emphatically declared, do not intend at this time to make their position clear and thus give Mr. Murphy before September 1 the opportunity to hamper them in their work or to destroy their efforts to rehabilitate the Democratic organization of the county by sending 105 Jerome delegates to Buffalo. Mayor McClellan will arrive in New York city on September 8, and from letters received from the Mayor yesterday he is thoroughly conversant with the situation and approves of everything that has been done up to this time to rehabilitate the Democratic organization of the county and to keep Mr. Hearst from capturing it or Mr. Odell from using it for purposes of his own.

The McClellan forces and the Jerome forces have been threatened before and since last election day by the subterranean work of Mr. Hearst and Mr. Odell, the latter the Republican boss with whom Mr. Hearst had an alliance in the last campaign. Since election day Mr. Odell and Mr. Hearst have been joined in their efforts to smash the Democratic organization of the county by Charles F. Murphy.

COAL AFIRE NEAR OIL TANKS.

The Firemen Delayed Hours in Handling the Blaze, Too.

There is a fire still burning in the coal yard of Curtis & Blaisdell at 119th street and the East River, which was discovered at 11 o'clock last night. The firemen are on the ground and expect to get to work about about 6 o'clock this morning.

The cause of the delay is that 300 tons of coal must be got out of the way before a stream of water can be played on the fire. At an early hour this morning the smoke was increasing greatly. A gang of twenty-five men are working hard to get the coal pile reduced so the firemen can get busy.

The spot is a bad one for a big fire. Adjoining the coal yard on the north is a big tank station of the Standard Oil Company. The fire got into this place it might spread across 120th street to the series of frame buildings that go to make up the Harlem Hospital. There is also a row of new tenement houses near by.

Supt. Moritz of the Standard Oil station discovered the fire, or rather, the smoke. He notified Fire Headquarters by telephone and Engine 35 was ordered to the spot. On a still alarm.

The fire was smoldering far under a mound of coal that had been dumped against the fence on the northern edge of the yard.

The man in charge of the coal yard communicated with his superiors and a crew of coal handlers were hustled to the scene. They sailed into the pile and are carting it to another part of the yard as fast as they can.

TO DEPORT CONVICTIONS PROMPTLY.

Had Been Here Four Years, but Returned From Trip Abroad With Trachoma.

Felix Vecchi, who for the last four years has been a prompter at the Metropolitan Opera House and went with the company on the road, will be deported on the steamship Vanderland, which sails Saturday. He has trachoma, the Ellis Island doctors say.

Vecchi came to New York last week on the Kroonland and was detained at Ellis Island. He appealed to Washington, but without effect. He says that he never had any trouble with his eyes until last spring, when he was in San Francisco. He was in the city at the time of the earthquake and fire and his eyes were affected by the smoke.

Four immigration inspectors sailed Wednesday on the Statendam to investigate the inspection for trachoma at the ports from which the greatest number of persons whose eyes are affected come. There has been an unusually large number of cases recently, and it is thought here that with due diligence the number can be kept down. A proper inspection on the other side is all that is necessary, it is said.

60,000 STRIKERS IN BILBAO.

Guards Kill Men Who Try to Stop Train—King and Queen at San Sebastian.

Madrid, Aug. 23.—The Labor Federation has declared a general strike at Bilbao, which means that 60,000 persons have quit work. The outgoing trains are packed with fleeing inhabitants. The newspapers have been forced to suspend publication. Strikers from Bilbao are visiting small surrounding towns in order to persuade workmen to join the general strike.

Villagers at Castro-Urdiales along the route of the railroad refused to stop a train. They were prevented from doing so by the guards, who fired on them, killing two and wounding three others, one seriously.

The Military Governor of Bilbao has made another effort to arbitrate the dispute between the operators and miners. The strikers, whose number about 60,000, have, however, refused to withdraw their demands for shorter hours and no settlement is in sight.

King Alfonso and Queen Victoria arrived at San Sebastian on the royal yacht Giralda, from England. They have gone to San Sebastian. This is a mountain resort near the Spanish-French line, of which Bilbao is the port town.

FIVE CENT FARE TO CONEY.

That Will Be the Toll for Residents South of Greenwood and Prospect Park.

Beginning to-day the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company will put into operation a plan whereby the residents of Flatbush, Borough Park, Kensington, Bay Ridge, Bensonhurst, Mableton and the territory south of Prospect Park and Greenwood Cemetery will be enabled to go to or from Coney Island for only one fare. In order to do this satisfactorily the conductors will give to the residents of this territory upon payment of fare an identification check, which will save them from paying an additional fare when King's Highway is reached.

In travelling north the second fare collection point is moved toward the city from King's Highway to the Prospect Park station, where the surface car loop around, and to Avenue P on the Sea Beach and West End and Prospect Park and Coney Island elevated lines, and to Avenue P on the Nostrand, Tompkins, Vanderbilt, Fifteenth street, Union street and Court street surface lines.

BOY AERONAUT BADLY HURT.

Wanting to Get Home to New York, He Makes Ascent for Price of a Ticket.

WORCESTER, Mass., Aug. 23.—Charles Mayo, a New York lad, 15 years old, lies in the city hospital here in a serious condition as the result of a balloon trip from the White City here last night. He attained a height of 3,000 feet and landed on the roof of the Moon mansion in Shrewsbury. He injured his back, but his ankles are sprained and he is badly bruised.

Mayo is not in a condition to give information about himself and the hospital doctors have not learned his address in New York. Mayo had returned around the White City for several days. Last night when a disappointed crowd learned that there was to be no balloon ascension he had selected for the night, he decided to go up for \$5, the price of a ticket to New York.

Jack Crosby, the balloonist, accepted his offer. Mayo weighs only 100 pounds, but he was kept in the Tomb to be used as a possible witness against a man who never was caught.

UNCLE JOE BUYS 400 ACRE FARM.

LAFORT, Ind., Aug. 23.—Speaker Cannon yesterday closed a deal for a farm of 400 acres in the Kanawha region, paying therefor \$20 an acre.

It is understood the Illinois congressman is negotiating for other large tracts of land in the region, which is being rapidly reclaimed.

LABOR DAY AT ATLANTIC CITY OUTING. Pennsylvania Railroad week-end tour, September 1. Rates, covering transportation and two days' hotel accommodations, \$10 and \$12, according to class selected. Special train returns Sept. 2.—Ad.

FRANCE HAS A FOOD SCANDAL.

"LE MATIN" SAYS MANY PRODUCTS ARE DEATH DEALING.

50,000 Babies a Year Victims of Skimmed Milk Sold as Sterilized—Store Sweepings as Pepper and Horse Meat as Lark Pie—Safety in New Law Law.

From THE SUN Correspondent at Paris.

PARIS, Aug. 23.—After the great to-do made by the European press over the revelations in the leading Paris newspaper a conspicuous article showing that the French people have long been the victims of outrageous practices by adulterators of food products.

The *Matin* publishes to-day a leading article with a map showing the chief supply centres of all France and declaring that the alimentary products furnished by the majority of them have been of a death dealing character. To be sure, the *Matin* points out that this horrible condition will be remedied by a law the passage of which will be secured by M. Ruan, the Minister of Agriculture, but the paper does not hesitate to say that the people will be furnished these products have been divided into two classes, whom it frankly describes as thieves and assassins.

That there may be no mistake as to its meaning, the *Matin* characterizes the thieves as those who have been selling oleomargarine as butter, shop sweepings as pepper and horse meat as lark pie, and as assassins those who have been selling skimmed milk as the unskimmed article, and thus robbing mothers and murdering infants, the latter to the number of 50,000 a year.

The paper says that of the 30,000,000 French people 3,000,000 have known no protection against the food adulterators who have enjoyed a liberty which has been nothing less than charming. The thieves often flitted with the assassins while the latter were always thirsty also, as are those who are offering Chateau Margaux at 16 cents a quart. The *Matin* names fifteen cities which have municipal laboratories for testing food and calls attention to the fact that the following large cities are without them: Marseilles, Bordeaux, Rouen, Nantes, Caen and Amiens.

The *Matin* gives the comfortable reassurance, however, that as in the case of the new American laws the inspection of canned meats for France's hitherto unprotected 33,000,000 will, under M. Ruan's law, be safe. Differing in that respect from some American publications respecting the packing-house scandals, the *Matin* directly refrains from calling attention to what foreigners may have suffered from those so glibly dubbed robbers and murderers.

SET CARLOAD OF CALVES LOOSE.

They Annoyed the Citizens of Middletown, N. Y., With Their Night Noise.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Aug. 23.—A carload of fifty calves turned loose in the streets of the city at midnight last night furnished entertainment to the citizens here. The calves had been shipped on the Ontario and Western road and at East Main street were switched to the Erie bound for New York. Transfer of cars there has been going on for some time and residents of the neighborhood have been annoyed by the bleating of the calves for hours during the night.

Last night some one released the calves; and they scattered all over the city. A large force was called to capture them and the chase was continued for hours before they were finally loaded in the car and sent on to New York.

FRENCH SOLDIERS BURNED.

Detachment Sent to Fight Forest Fire Trapped by Flames in a Valley.

Paris, Aug. 23.—A forest fire broke out at Montmaurin, near Toulon, to-day. A detachment of the 11th Regiment of the line which was sent to assist in putting out the fire was caught in the valley, and before it could escape four men were burned to death and eighteen others injured.

Several other members of the detachment were injured.

The fire is still raging and there is great excitement. The authorities of Toulon have gone to the scene.

23 AND 13 IN WEDDING LICENSE.

Mrs. Martin and Mr. Geagan Will Start Out Under Peculiar Circumstances.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—If there is luck in odd numbers the union of Miss Jeannie Martin and George B. Geagan, both of this city, will be a shining mark for a deluge of the good life. Miss Martin and her fiancé are each 23 years of age. They took out their license to-day, August 23, Miss Martin herself applying for the right to wed.

The document duly signed and sealed was the thirteenth license issued to-day by the license clerk. The name of bride and bridegroom each contains thirteen letters.

SEVEN FELL WITH BRIDGE.

The Rev. Dr. Cobden of Larchmont and Party in Carriage Tumbled 25 Feet Into Creek.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., Aug. 23.—While a driving party of seven were crossing a bridge over the Housatonic River here this afternoon the bridge collapsed and crashed into the water twenty-five feet below.

In the party were Dr. Richard Cobden, an Episcopal minister of Larchmont, N. Y.; his wife, two sons, Philip and John; a baby, Miss Emily Morrison, a sister of Mrs. Cobden, and William Hasty of South Egremont, the driver.

The wagon was crushed but no one was killed. Miss Morrison was seriously injured. The other members of the party suffered from bruises and shock.

PARDON FOR WALLACE.

Released After His Mother Died, From a Broken Heart, He Thought.

Bartholomew Wallace, who had been in the Tomb since November in connection with election frauds, was released yesterday on a pardon from Gov. Higgins. Wallace pleaded guilty and was sentenced to Elmira, but he was kept in the Tomb to be used as a possible witness against a man who never was caught.

Since he has been in the Tomb Wallace, who lived at 23 East Forty-fifth street, has become a physical wreck. The Attorney-General's office joined in an appeal to the Governor for Wallace's pardon about two weeks ago, when it was learned that his mother was dying. She died last week, but Wallace said he didn't want to go to her funeral because he thought his mother had died of a broken heart because of his imprisonment.

Admiral Train's Body Arrives at Seattle. SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 23.—The body of Rear Admiral Charles J. Train, who died recently in Asia, arrived here to-day on the cruiser Princeton on the way to Washington.

WEEK-END OUTING AT ATLANTIC CITY. Via Pennsylvania Railroad, September 1. Includes Labor Day. Rates covers round trip transportation and two days' hotel accommodations. Only \$10 and \$12, according to hotel selected. Special train returns Sept. 2.—Ad.

REWARD FOR "SUN" GRABBER.

\$1,000 for Information That Will Lead to His Conviction.

THE SUN will pay \$1,000 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the swindler who in the name of THE SUN obtained \$100 from Mrs. Robert B. Roosevelt for an alleged benefit for newspaper men who suffered in the San Francisco earthquake.

CLUB TO BOOM UNCLE JOE.

Twenty-one States Represented in an Organization in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Twenty-one States are represented in a club that was organized at the Ebbitt House to-night to further the Presidential boom of Speaker Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois. The meeting to-night was called by Illinois admirers of Mr. Cannon and fifty Republicans responded to the call. A permanent organization was effected. James W. Crooks of Illinois was elected president; Charles H. Thatcher of Nebraska, secretary; J. S. Hitchcock of Kansas, treasurer.

A great deal of enthusiasm was manifested in behalf of Uncle Joe, a speech being delivered by nearly every one present, each pledging his best efforts to bring about the nomination of Mr. Cannon as President in the Republican national convention of 1908.

A feature of the meeting was a neat little speech made by G. W. Cannon of Asheville, N. C., a relative of Uncle Joe.

CAR ABLAZE ON A CURVE.

Short Circuit of Plough Feeder Dues It—Rough Work Ahead.

Car No. 897 of the Broadway line rounded the curve opposite Union square yesterday afternoon, south bound, all ablaze because the plough feeder in the conduit got short circuited. Spouts of flame flared up out of the slot and set fire to the underbody.

The car was pulled up at Thirteenth street. Some of the men passengers jumped over women and children in their anxiety to reach safety, and a couple of women were knocked into the street fainting.

Clerks from a store near by took the women into the store and revived them, at the same time organizing a bucket line to the fire. It was put out before the arrival of the fire engines.

DYNAMITE MANIAC'S PLAYTHING.

Hurts It At All Who Approach and Goes Into Ecstasies Over Explosives.

BRACKENRIDGE, Cal., Aug. 23.—Barricaded in a miner's cabin and hurling dynamite at all who approach, an insane man is terrorizing residents in the vicinity of Argentine.

A sheriff's posse has left for the scene. The maniac is a stranger here. He was first discovered when D. E. Franklin, who owns the cabin, found the door barred and the man asleep in his bed.